IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: KURODA, Daisuke, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1793

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Examiner: ZHU, Weiping

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FOR: MEDICAL DEVICE FOR LIVING SOFT TISSUE AND METHOD OF

PRODUCTION OF SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 - EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**GROUP ART UNIT 1793**

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 11, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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